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Hogie, Corps of Engineers Meteorological; Dr. H. S. Yarrow, U.S.A., Surgeon and Naturalist; Dr. J. T. Rothrock, U.S.A., Surgeon and Botanist; Dr. Oscar Loew, Chemist and Mineralogist; H. W. Henshaw, Assistant Naturalist and Ornithologist; besides a corps of trained collectors.

The area gone over in 1873 was no less than 76,000 square miles, and Lt. Wheeler's work has probably not been surpassed for general accuracy and minuteness of detail. Dr. Yarrow's name, as that of the officer in charge of Natural History division of the work, is sufficient guarantee of the highly creditable manner in which that branch of investigation is conducted. His results, to many of which we have already enjoyed access, are of great interest and importance. It is to be earnestly hoped that this great and most important work may not be restricted for want of the funds needed for its completely successful prosecution.—ELLIOTT COUES.

CHECK LIST OF COLEOPTERA.*—A new and revised list of our beetles has long been needed, as a convenience in arranging our cabinets and facilitating exchanges. Its publication has also been necessitated by the numerous changes which have been made in synonymy, mostly based on comparisons made by Dr. LeConte in Europe, and others from examinations made by the author. Some important changes have been made in the arrangement of the families, the Coccinellidæ, Erotylidæ and Endomychidæ being placed in the Clavicorn series by Mr. Crotch, an important measure sanctioned by Drs. LeConte and Horn, while the weevils are placed at the end of the series in accordance with the views of Dr. LeConte.

DICTIONARY OF ELEVATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.†—Though of special value to physicians, this book will be useful to those interested in the geographical distribution of plants and animals, as the elevations of many points, particularly in the Rocky Mountains, are given in a compact form. The Dictionary contains in

* Check List of the Coleoptera of America north of Mexico. By G. R. Crotch. Salem, Mass., Naturalists' Agency, 1874. 8vo, pp. 136. \$1.00.

† Dictionary of Elevations and Climatic Register of the United States; containing, in addition to elevations, the latitude, mean annual temperature, and the total annual rainfall of many localities; with a brief introduction on the orographic and other physical peculiarities of North America. By J. M. Toner, M.D. New York. Van Nostrand, 1874. 8vo, pp. 98. Price \$3.00 paper; \$3.75 cloth.